without reference to assessed requirements.

(v) Rehabilitation of sick Shipping Companies, which includes a number of reliefs;

(vi) Providing cargo support to Indian shipping.

(vii) Modification of pari passu obligations.

Government also provided in the Direct Tax Laws (Second Amendment) Act, 1989 certain fiscal reliefs to the Shipping Companies so as to strengthen their capital base.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details of the proposals pending as on 15-3-90 are :—

Name of the Shipping Company	Acquisition Proposal
1. M/s. Great Eastern Shipping Company	2 Off shore supply vessels (Specific). 10 Off shore supply vessels (for in principle approval).
2. M/s. Van Raj Marine	2 No. RO-RO Vessels
3. M/s. Ellon Hinengo	1 Cargo Ship
4. M/s. Sirius Shipping Company Ltd.	2 Bulk Carriers
5. M/s. Jaisu Shipping Company Ltd.	1 Crew-cum-cargo boat

Harassment of Indian students in Nepal

1021. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Indian students studying in Kathmandu, Nepal have been arrested and tortured by the Nepal Government; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) On February 19, 1990, some Indian students studying in Kathmandu, were arrested along with a large number of Nepali teachers and students. They were released after a varying period of confinement from three to five days. There is no evidence of their having been tortured.

(b) Immediately on learning about the arrest of these Indian students, the Embassy of India in Kathmandu took up the matter with the Nepalese Foreign Office which was asked to investigate the incident and have action taken against the erring Nepalese officials. A Consular Official from the Embassy also visited the University campus.

Detaining of Indian Journalists during pro-democracy demonstration in Nepal

1022. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Indian journalists were detained by the Police in Nepal when they went to cover the demonstrations by the pro-democracy agitators; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

कश्मीर के लोगों को निर्णय का अधिकार

1023. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस तथ्य की जानकारी है कि फ्रांस के राष्ट्रपति ने हाल